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**HEAVEN'S BOUNTY FOR TRUSTS.**

It was Caligula (we believe) the most cruelly brutal of all Roman tyrants, who had his decrees written in the smallest size letters and placed on high pillars, so as to enjoy slaying the people for disobeying what they could not read. The Norfolk Landmark calls attention to a similar practice in Virginia, and we need hardly add that we agree with our contemporaries, the Norfolk Ledger and the Landmark in condemning this short-sighted policy for short-sighted and all other people who should have all public information put in easily legible type for all the people. We also concur with the Landmark in the following:

The Landmark fully endorses in the criticism made the other day by its esteemed afternoon contemporary, the Ledger, with regard to the use of pearl type in advertising the fact that a vote will be taken next fall upon the question of certain amendments to the State Constitution.

Pearl type, as the Ledger says, is so small that it is difficult to find it in any newspaper equipment. Very few papers in this country ever use any smaller type than nonpareil, which is barely large enough for the eye to follow with comfort. To read matter set in pearl requires considerable effort from the soundest eyes, and is almost impossible, unless by the aid of a microscope, to persons whose eyesight is at all weak.

It would seem that the State of Virginia, in notifying the voters of questions which are to come up at the polls in the next election, might content itself with using type at least as large as the smallest generally used in business advertisements. The idea of printing a notice of this kind in microscopic type in order to save a few cents or dollars is not creditable to the common sense of the State authorities, which have the matter in charge. We respectfully suggest that the people do not care about economy at the expense of their eyesight.

One of the amendments in question is to change the time for the election of county and district officers from the 1st Thursday in May to Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday of November, and the beginning of their terms from the 1st day of July following their election to the 1st day of January following their election. If there is any other change made by this amendment, we failed to note it by reason of the smallness of the type in which it is printed.

The other amendment is to repeal, strike out and utterly abolish the provisions of section 2, Article X., of the Constitution of Virginia, as follows: NO TAX SHALL BE IMPOSED ON ANY OF THE CITIZENS OF THIS STATE FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF TAKING OR CATCHING OYSTERS FROM THEIR NATURAL BEDS WITH TONGS IN THE WATERS THEREOF; BUT THE AMOUNT OF SALES OF OYSTERS SO TAKEN BY ANY CITIZEN, IN ANY ONE YEAR, MAY BE TAXED AT A RATE NOT EXCEEDING THE RATE OF TAXATION IMPOSED UPON ANY OTHER SPECIES OF PROPERTY."

Thus it is proposed to deprive the people of Eastern Virginia of a natural and immemorial right, for the benefit of foreign trusts and speculative syndicates, to the great suffering of thousands of the poor who have no other resource than this bounty of heaven.

**PIGEON HOLING.**

"Pigeon-holing" is the name given to a new system of dealing by a boss with his enemies, and the Baltimore Sun dubs Platt, of New York, "a master of strategy" for his success in pigeon-holing Roosevelt and others. True, it looks like holding the enemy down by thrusting your nose between his teeth; but a fellow-feeling makes one wondrous kind to bosses, and the Sun thinks it is a boss in Maryland politics.

Now, mark, Roosevelt, Seth Low, Elihu Root, Chauncey Depew, and Joe Choate are listed as the chief opponents and obstructors of Platt, as "reformers" and for honest politics, and lo! the "master of strategy" has pigeon-holed them all, or had them in their little beds, as follows: Roosevelt, Governor of New York; Depew, U. S. Senator; Choate, Ambassador to England; and Seth Low was sent to The Hague as representative of the United States in the Peace Conference. But Seth Low, with all his blushing honors thick upon him, is loose again, stronger, and more full of reform than ever, and wants to be pigeon-holed again! And so, in turn, will all these pigeons return, to plague the "master of strategy" with his new invention, greater reformers than ever, and wanting to be pigeon-holed again, but in bigger holes, if they can be found.

Meanwhile, there are others without pigeon-holes, who naturally inquire why they, the friends of Platt, instead of his greatest foes in the G. O. P., were not pigeon-holed in such nice places as those of Governor, delegate to the Peace Conference, U. S. Senator and Ambassador to England. Wherefore, if all these big rewards were to go to Platt's obstructors,—where was anything worth while left for his zealous supporters—wherefore not join the obstructors and be pigeon-holed? We'll warrant that Platt has not an opponent in the State of New York who will not gladly agree to be pigeon-holed, and that all his friends are indulging in "courses, not fond, but deep" at a "masterly strategy" that puts all his foes in such great places, and leaves nothing but "holes," indeed, for his adherents.

The Virginian-Pilot thinks the "master of strategy," if the Baltimore Sun has given us a true version of this pigeon-holing, has badly over-reached himself. It is a very good thing for the pigeons; but what of the faithful hawk? To temporarily "spike" an adverse gun is an old political stratagem; but it is often slackers the fire of your own batteries; and is always a cause of discontent among your best artillerymen. But to pigeon-hole a corps of foes in the best headquarters, with every equipment, while your fighting force lies on the ground and munches hard-tack, won't pay,—can't. The Sun has probably over-rated Platt, somehow.

**THERE IS NO CONFLICT NOR DIFFICULTY.**

Our supreme law says that due faith and credit must be given in the United States to the judicial proceedings and records of every State, and this applies to the United States and all foreign countries; and in case Italy or any other nation refuses to do so, the duty of the Federal government is to sunder all diplomatic relations with such nations. In all such instances it is nothing that our form of government is a union of separate and independent States, and after the facts in any complaint of any foreign citizen have been determined, whether in a civil or criminal matter, where the Federal courts have no jurisdiction, that determination is final and sufficient for all purposes, so far as we and all the world are concerned, though the determination be by State or local authority, and must be so upheld by the United States.

Our government, statesmen, press and all who see so much difficulty in dealing with the Tallulah lynching, have only discovered a mare's nest, as the Virginian-Pilot held in the Maria case, holds in this case, and invariably holds in all similar cases. Our form of government, and our course of judicial action in such cases, neither diminishes nor increases Federal liability to Italy, nor increases, nor diminishes the difficulties of finding all the necessary facts. Italy has her system and we have ours; and as in the Maria case, so in this Tallulah affair, and in all others of like nature, when the State has dealt locally with the accused, and the Federal government upon the lawful report, may act as wisely and fully as if a Federal Court had jurisdiction and had tried these cases.

**SUPERSTITION.**

People who imagine that the inherent superstition and dread of witchcraft held by our forefathers has been eradicated are mistaken. In fact, it is utterly ineradicable and occasionally crops out in the broad light of the nineteenth century's closing years. We may laugh at the operations of spiritualists and mediums, the Indian Medicine man, plume ourselves on lofty superiority when the "devil worship" of wild tribes in the Philippines is mentioned, and the hard-headed, progressive New Englanders may feel uncomfortable and even ashamed when reminded of the witch trials of Salem two centuries ago, but the fact remains that superstition, once anchored in the human mind, is transmitted from generation to generation, and will be found a part of it at the end of time.

In the most thickly settled portion of the great and progressive City of Chicago a man was arrested a few days ago on the charge of terrorizing his neighbors by threatening to blight their garden patches and bring sickness on their families unless paid to keep the evil spirits, which were hungering and thirsting for a job, in submission. This seems incredible, but it is true. And it shows that, although the world has progressed to the extent that the "wizard" was only apprehended, taken to the police court and fined for disorderly conduct, while he would have been burned at a stake in the market square in the days of old, it serves to demonstrate that superstition is still a part and parcel of what is termed the enlightened portion of the human family.

**A TRUST CREATION.**

What is the use of Martin's advertisers and puffery saying that his strength with the people is explained by their appreciation of certain qualities in him, his services to the State as Senator, &c.? How can this be when the people do not know him at all, though he has been Senator nearly six years? His qualities and services are purely imaginary, and the people of Virginia, whether he be a good or bad man, able man or not, or has done anything or not, know no more of him and his alleged services than they do of the man in the moon and his burning broom-straw on Sunday.

Do even his advertisers and puffery really know Mr. Martin, when they say him? The whole Martin-boom strikes us as very much like an Elk Run Gazette's whoop for Bully's Vermifuge: "Infants are running after him for it; counties are holding camp meetings of thanks to him for it; bereaved mothers, who have lost their children by the dozen, are chasing their family physicians with broom-sticks because they did not try Bully's Vermifuge on the deceased; fishermen say that even an earthworm cannot be found within miles of where this great man's great remedy is kept; and the editor of Elk Run Gazette appends his affidavit (at usual rates) that he has just been saved by this truly remedy."

"Divide and conquer," says the Devil. That is, divide the good and true men, and the harmonious bellions will carry the field.

John Philip Sousa, the successor of Gilmore as a band leader, is talking boxing lessons. Mr. Sousa may qualify himself for leading with his left in a minor, countering with his right in lower F, swinging a half hook to upper C, and so on, but the people will have to see it before believing.

The Dreyfus trial is proceeding behind closed doors. It will be recalled that too much of closed-door led to all the difficulties about his former trial. This is an open-door age and what the people of France demand is a knowledge of all the facts in the case. They are tired of peering at the keyhole and do not propose to be kept at it another term of years.

It seems to us that if the grasses known as millets are dangerous as feed for horses and cattle when cut too early, and equally dangerous (though from a different cause) when cut too late, the dictate of a wise prudence is let millets severally alone. That we do not need them is shown by the fact they are not generally grown by our farmers nor used by our horse-breeds and cattle-raisers. Our known indigenous grasses and the clovers, properly treated, will furnish us abundant pasture and hay, without resorting to doubtful herbage.

**OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.**

**THE SENATORIAL RACE.**

(Rockbridge County News.)

Our opinion of the astuteness and smartness of Senator Martin and his friends was materially shattered by the result of the contest between him and Representative Jones, at which a sample is furnished in the small part we give space to today. Where in all reason was the "bribe" so generally accorded the junior Senator from Virginia when in attempting to ward his record from the assaults of Jones he appealed to the pages of the Congressional Record, open to all who wish to examine it, which prove conclusively that Mr. Jones said about his record was exactly true. How could any man have shown the want of "bravery" to have defended himself from the charges of vote-bodging on the plea that he was paired with a certain Senator who was absent when the vote was taken? He preferred to show that the Senator he named was present all day, and voted when Martin voted and also voted when Martin did not vote; and, strange to say, this opposition Senator with whom he was paired, said and voted exactly right along with Martin's party, even at a time when, a not unfair inference is, Martin himself deserted it. It looks very much as if Martin and his select circle of smart fellows who are supposed to be honest, the brains in Virginia politics have gotten hopelessly rattled by the force onslaught made on them by Jones and Tyler and the applause it receives.

**OUR PREDICTIONS COMING TRUE.**

(Southampton Democrat.)  
Several weeks ago we predicted that the people would, if not in the fall campaign for the Legislature and U. S. Senate, eventually become the masters of elections and not the machine politicians. How near the truth our prediction is proven is shown by the result of the late of White's Convention.

It will be remembered that Benton Day of that county is chairman of the County Committee, also of the Congressional District. He is the father-in-law of Senator Martin and, therefore, naturally, desiring of his son-in-law being returned to the U. S. Senate to succeed himself.

It has always been known that Mr. Day wielded wonderful influence over the voters of his county and is what is known as a machine politician, as we so understand the term.

Mr. Jones, who was an aspirant to succeed himself in the Legislature, is also understood to be an avowed Martin man. With this strong team "in pull" the voters of the county were all that tale of White would nominate a Martin man for the Legislature and send Martin delegates to the Senatorial Convention which meets in Suffolk August 21th. But there has been a fall in the political temperature in one household and a rift in the other. The Martin faction in Isle of Wight has been frozen out and the Tyler people are hot with enthusiasm, even their grand victory over machine politicians.

The delegates elected to the Senatorial Convention, while not entirely free, are nevertheless favorable to the nomination of Mr. William Shands for the State Senate. Thus Mr. Shands will be made our next State Senator.

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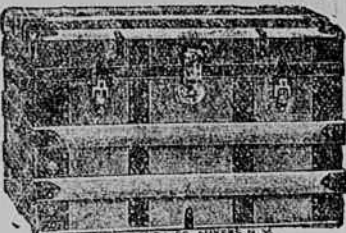
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